

## Inspired by Olmsted Contest Guidelines

- **Who can enter “Inspired by Olmsted”?** Any currently-enrolled high school student (grades 9-12) during spring 2016 is eligible to enter the contest.
- **What type of art can I submit?** Two-dimensional visual artwork, such as paintings, drawings, sketches, creative posters, photographs, and original computer-based graphic designs. The dimensions for physical artwork should be no larger than 18 by 24 inches. Examples of artworks that are ineligible include sculptures, installations, and any other three-dimensional art, as well as video, audio, music, and performance art.
- **How do I submit my artwork?** Please mail in or drop off your two-dimensional visual artwork to:

Mark Swartz, Park Ranger  
Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site  
99 Warren Street  
Brookline, MA 02445

Or email to [Mark\\_Swartz@nps.gov](mailto:Mark_Swartz@nps.gov). Please be sure to print your name legibly on the back of your artwork. Complete an online registration form for your entry.

- **What type of writing can I submit?** Poems, flash fiction, short plays, and personal essays or reflections. We are not looking for expository essays or research papers. Please limit your submission to six pages, double-spaced, on letter-size (8.5” x 11”) pages.
- **How do I submit my writing?** Please submit your registration form and one- to six-page, typed, double-spaced written work by email to [Mark\\_Swartz@nps.gov](mailto:Mark_Swartz@nps.gov). Be sure to include your name as a header on every page of your written piece; please number your pages. Complete an online registration form for your entry.
- **Can I submit more than one entry?** Students can submit a maximum of one (1) entry each to the visual arts and creative writing contests. Students must complete an online registration form for each entry. If more than one entry is received for either contest, the judges, at their discretion, will select only one of the submissions to be eligible for the contest.
- **When is the submission deadline?** Contest entries must be received by Thursday, June 30, 2016. Entries submitted later may be disqualified from the contest.
- **How will entries be judged?** Contest submissions will be judged on the creativity and quality of the pieces themselves as well as how they show inspiration from and an understanding of the ideas that Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. expressed in the Organic Act. Entrants are expected to explain the connection to/inspiration from the Organic Act on the online registration form.
- **When will winners be selected?** Winners and runners-up will be selected by August 5, 2016.
- **What’s the prize?** Finalists, and their families, will be invited to attend Founders Day (August 25-28, 2016) festivities at Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site. Winners and runners up in each contest will receive a cash prize. Works will be displayed at Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.